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Application of:
Nicholas Gerard Byrne et al.

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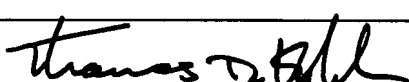
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Applicants submit the following remarks in response and three month extension of time in response to the detailed Office Action mailed October 17, 2006, in the above identified application. In the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following remarks:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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